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AUGUST 11, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ITEMS

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE  
INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

ISRAELI BOAT SALE TO SOUTH AFRICA: ISRAEL IS BUILDING TWO SAAR IV (RESHEF) MISSILE BOATS, ARMED WITH GABRIEL MISSILES, FOR SALE TO SOUTH AFRICA, ACCORDING TO THE ISRAELI STATE RADIO. A SOUTH AFRICAN CONTINGENT OF 50 PERSONNEL IS SAID TO BE IN ISRAEL RECEIVING TRAINING AND SHOULD TAKE DELIVERY OF THE BOATS IN EARLY 1977. THE BROADCAST ALSO REPORTED THAT AN ISRAELI-DESIGNED COASTAL PATROL SHIP WILL BE BUILT UNDER LICENSE IN A SOUTH AFRICAN SHIPYARD. FIRST REPORTS OF THE ISRAELI-SOUTH AFRICAN SHIP AGREEMENT WERE PUBLISHED LAST WEEK, BUT THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME IT HAS BEEN MADE PUBLIC IN ISRAEL, ACCORDING TO DIA.

SHARP DROP IN SOVIET JET FUEL DELIVERIES TO EGYPT: EGYPT'S LONGSTANDING DEPENDENCE ON THE SOVIETS FOR JET FUEL COULD BE NEARING AN END. DURING THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 1976, SOVIET DELIVERIES OF JET FUEL DROPPED BY ABOUT 65 PERCENT COMPARED TO THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1975. SINCE THE JET FUEL CONSUMPTION OF THE EGYPTIAN AIR FORCE APPEARS TO HAVE REMAINED CONSTANT, THIS SHARP REDUCTION IN IMPORTS SUGGESTS THAT EGYPT MAY BE REFINING MUCH OF HER OWN JET FUEL AS THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF IMPORTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. OSTENSIBLY, THE PRINCIPAL CAUSE FOR THIS DRASTIC CUTBACK IN DELIVERIES FROM THE USSR APPEARS TO CENTER AROUND THE HEAVY CONGESTION IN THE PORT OF ALEXANDRIA. THE SOVIETS HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT THE

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LENGTHY DELAYS IN TURNAROUND TIME AT THE PORT AND HAVE THERE-  
FORE REDUCED THEIR DELIVERIES. ALTHOUGH THE EGYPTIAN PETROLEUM  
AUTHORITY CONTINUES TO REQUEST THAT THE SOVIETS MAINTAIN JET  
FUEL DELIVERIES, IT IS ASSUMED THAT THIS REACTION MAY BE A  
DEVICE TO CONCEAL THE PROBABILITY THAT DOMESTIC PRODUCTION  
HAS BEEN GREATLY IMPROVED, ACCORDING TO CIA.

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